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For: METHOD FOR BINDING A QUIRE AND DEVICE APPLIED THEREBY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Pursuant to Rule 37 CFR. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted on forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each foreign patent or non-patent literature listed on forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B is submitted herewith.

Additional Information Not Listed on Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B

A copy (in the English language) of an Office action (dated September 11, 2009) received from The Patent Office of the People's Republic of China in corresponding Chinese application no. 200580003497.1 is enclosed herewith.

**Concise Statement of Relevancy**  
**(Non-English Language Documents Only)**

The relevancy of each document is by way of its inclusion in the above noted Office action

**Statement Regarding Translations**

English language translations of the non-English language documents are not available to Applicants' attorney apart from English language abstracts appended to the documents or English language counterparts identified in the "Statement of Cumulative Information" paragraph below.

**Statement of Timeliness**

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after the earlier of the mailing date of a final rejection or Notice of Allowance sent in this application but before payment of the Issue Fee. The certification required under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is submitted separately or below. A petition to the Commissioner and the appropriate fee pursuant to §1.17(i)(1) are submitted herewith.

**Certification**

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's Attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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